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In re Patent Application of:)
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SUBSTRATE WITH A PLASMA)

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 22, 2001 and further to a December 31, 2001 Information Disclosure Statement, please amend the above-identified application as follows"

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 40 and 41 without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter recited therein.

Please amend claims 20, 23, 25, 28, 31 and 32 as follows. Please note that the amended claims are presented below in their amended form. Furthermore, the claims are presented as attachment to the Amendment whereby the amendments are shown using the conventional technique of bracketing and underlining.

20. (Twice Amended) A process comprising the steps of:

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